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SUBJECT: INFORMAL COMMENTS TO PRESS BY SECRETARY
FOLLOWING BREAKFAST MEETING WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT
GISCARD D'ESTAING AT ELYSEE PALACE, MAY 27, 1975.

L. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF SUBJECT COMMENT TO PRESS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "THE PRESS (SINGING) HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
YOU*".

QUESTION: "WHAT IS THE BEST BIRTHDAY PRESENT YOU COULD
WISH?"

ANSWER: "JUST TO CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE

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IN ALL AREAS. THE PRESIDENT AND I HAD A VERY GOOD, A

VERY CORDIAL TALK. WE REVIEWED THE STATE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, WHICH I JUDGE TO BE EXCELLENT. THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED HIS VIEWS ABOUT THE FORMATION OF EUROPE, WITH WHICH WE ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT. HE INFORMED ME OF THE FRENCH CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS ENERGY PRODUCERS, AND I TOLD HIM OF SIMILAR CONTACTS THAT THE U.S. HAD HAD. WE DISCUSSED THE ENERGY PREPARATORY CONFERENCE IN THE SPIRIT OF RECONVENING IT. WE THINK THE CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE TO RESUME THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE AND THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER EFFORTS FRANCE MAY MAKE AS THE CONVENING POWER TO RE-ASSEMBLE THE CONFERENCE."

Q.: "WHEN DO YOU EXPECT THE CONFERENCE TO RESUME,SIR?"

A. : "WELL, THIS WE WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS, OF COURSE, IN DETAIL, AND WE ALSO WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS IT WITH SOME OF OUR PARTNERS IN THE IEA, BUT I THINK WITHIN THE NEXT MONTHS."

Q. : "DID YOU TALK ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST, SIR?"

A.: "WE HAD JUST A VERY BRIEF DISCUSSION, -- A BRIEF REFERENCE."

Q. : "AND THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE?"

A. "WE DISCUSSED THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE FORTH-COMING MEETING BETWEEN YOUR PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT FORD."

Q.: "WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM THE MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT SADAT?"

A.: "AS I POINTED OUT BEFORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN THE PRECISE VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT ABOUT HOW PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAN BE ADVANCED. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKING AN ASSESSMENT OF OUR POLICY, AND WE WILL INFORM PRESIDENT SADAT OF OUR PRESENT TENTATIVE THINKING WHICH WILL NOT BE CONCLUDED UNTIL WE HAVE ALSO TALKED TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN. BUT WE WILL MAKE CLEAR, AS WE HAVE STATED REPEATEDLY PUBLICLY, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT A DIPLOMATIC STALEMATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THAT WE ARE CONVINCED THAT PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST MUST CONTINUE."

Q.: "THANK YOU, SIR." END TEXT.

KISSINGER.

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